

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3428

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and others for legislation to create a hospital disposition fund from the proceeds of sales of state hospitals and the crediting of such proceeds to accounts of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Retardation. Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT CREATING A STATE HOSPITAL DISPOSITION FUND.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Offi-  
2     cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2ZZ the  
3     following new section:—

4     Section 2AAA. There shall be established and set up on the  
5     books of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the  
6     state hospital disposition fund. Fifty percent of funds derived from  
7     the sale, lease, sublease, granting of easements or other con-  
8     veyances related to former state hospital parcels shall be credited  
9     to the state hospital disposition fund. The remaining fifty percent  
10    shall be credited to the general fund. The monies deposited in the  
11    state hospital disposition fund shall be allocated equally to the  
12    department of mental health and department of mental retardation  
13    and administered by said departments, for the following purposes:

14      a) To provide treatment for the commonwealth's mental health  
15 and mentally retarded population;

16      b) To subsidize or provide decent, safe, sanitary and supported  
17 housing, for individuals who are considered chronically mentally  
18 ill or mentally retarded;

19      c) To provide consultation and educational services to commu-  
20 nity agencies and professional personnel; and

21      d) To subsidize ongoing activities by the department of mental  
22 health and the department of mental retardation.

23      The books and records of the state hospital disposition fund  
24 shall be subject to a biennial audit by the state auditor.